

REVALIDATION INFORMATION

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PROCEDURES FOR REVALIDATION

An error may be made on a food instrument during the redemption process; it is easy to correct some of the errors if the procedures in this manual are followed. In order to have a food instrument revalidated by the Local Agency, a vendor must:

- A. Take or mail the food instrument to be revalidated to the agency with which there is a signed Vendor Agreement.

 The Local Agency will establish specific procedures on where to take or mail the food instrument which needs revalidation.

 A food instrument should be revalidated prior to submission to the bank.
- B. Submit the food instrument to the Local Agency with the necessary information which supports the revalidation request (See the Conditions and Limitations for Revalidation). **Do not send documentation to the bank of deposit.**
- C. Submit the food instrument to the Local Agency within sixty (60) days from the "first day to use."
- D. Return the food instrument to your bank within sixty (60) days from the "first day to use," if revalidated, unless otherwise directed. This food instrument must clear the State Agency contracted bank within ninety (90) days from the "first day to use." If it does not clear the bank within the specified time frames, the State Agency will apply a claim (request money back) for the improperly redeemed food instrument that has been revalidated.

It is a violation of the Agreement if a participant's identity, address, social security number or telephone number is obtained in order to ask a participant, parent, caretaker or proxy to pay for a food instrument which has an error, has been denied revalidation, or for which the State Agency has applied a claim.

POLICIES FOR FOOD INSTRUMENT REVALIDATION

A food instrument is edited at the State Agency contracted bank for accuracy and is rejected if it does not meet Program requirements. Reasons for rejection include agency or vendor stamp missing, stale check, date redeemed invalid, missing or altered and signature missing. A vendor may notice errors prior to submission to the local bank. Limited provisions have been made for revalidating some of the food instruments that are not properly completed. Revalidation for a food instrument with errors may be done only by the Local Agency either prior to submission for payment or after it has been rejected by the bank. It is recommended that food instruments with errors be submitted to the Local Agency for revalidation prior to depositing in the bank.

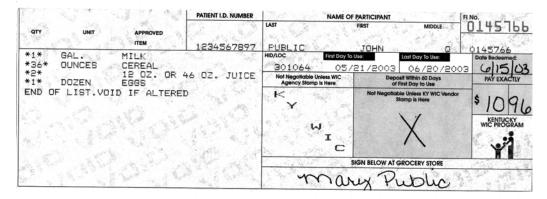
- A. A revalidation may be done only for the conditions outlined in the Conditions and Limitations for Revalidation and must not exceed the frequency specified.
- B. Any food instrument presented after sixty (60) days from the "first day to use" must be revalidated before the contracted bank will accept the instrument for payment. A food instrument presented for payment for revalidation after ninety (90) days from the "first day to use" is not eligible for revalidation without prior approval from the State Agency.
- C. Justification and documentation must be made to the State Agency by the vendor through the Local Agency if **extenuating** circumstances exist which prevent a vendor from submitting a food instrument for payment or revalidation within the specified time frame. Negligence in the timely submission of the food instrument is not an extenuating circumstance. The State Agency will then consider approving payment. If the total of food instruments exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500), prior approval must be obtained from the FNS Regional Office.
- D. Limits have been set on the number of times that a vendor may receive revalidations for specific reasons and some revalidations are on a one time only basis. A one time only basis is defined as one time only for that specific problem for the contract year. Also, one time only pertains to one time only submission of food instruments, not just one food instrument. For example, if three (3) food instruments are sent at the same time for a "date redeemed invalid," which are not dated within the valid dates, all three (3) will be revalidated on a one time only basis. No more revalidations for this specific reason can be given.
- E. The Local Agency will notify a vendor in writing, when a one time only revalidation has been given. A copy of the letter will be retained in the file at the Local Agency.
- F. Once a food instrument has <u>cleared</u> (has been paid by) the State Agency contracted bank, then revalidation cannot be given for any reason for a food instrument found to be improperly redeemed.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

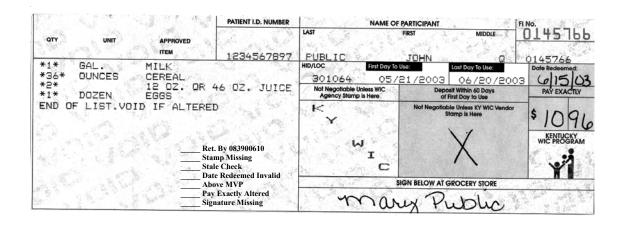
The Local Agency may make a price adjustment to any food instrument submitted for revalidation. For example, if the cash register receipt indicates that unapproved food(s) were allowed, the Local Agency will adjust the pay exactly amount by deducting the price of the unapproved food(s) and entering the correct total only for WIC approved foods. The Local Agency must place a revalidation stamp on the food instrument before payment can be made. Revalidation is unlimited.

Revalidation Procedure For Vendor Stamp Missing

Prior to deposit in bank

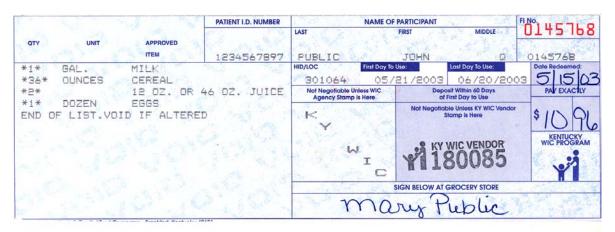


- 1. Place your vendor stamp in the appropriate block.
- 2. If the food instrument will reach the State Agency contracted bank in less than sixty (60) days from the "first day to use," no revalidation stamp is required. If the food instrument will not reach this bank in less than ninety (90) days from the "first day to use," return it to the Local Agency for revalidation.



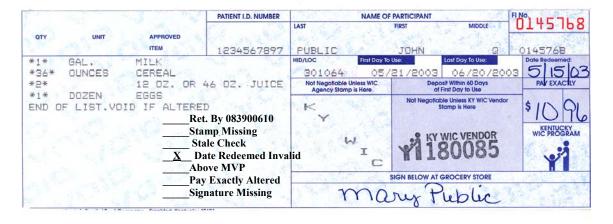
Revalidation Procedure For Date Redeemed Invalid

Prior to deposit in bank.





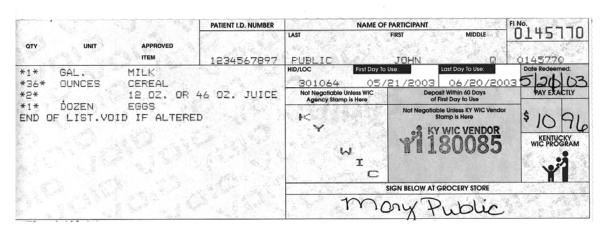
If the date redeemed is not within the valid dates, the Local Agency must always revalidate the food instrument before payment can be made. Revalidation is on a one time only basis per contract year.





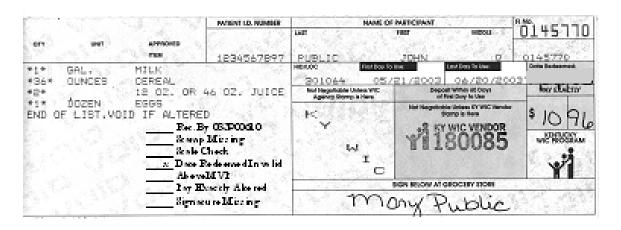
Revalidation Procedure For Date Redeemed Altered

Prior to deposit in bank





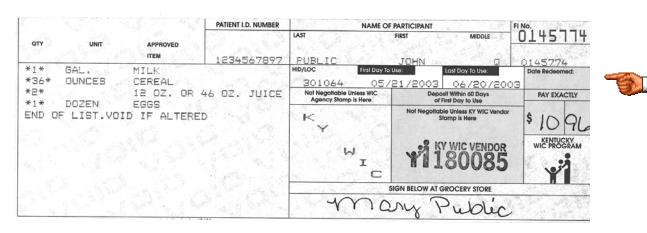
If the date is altered, present documentation to the Local Agency to substantiate a valid date redeemed. Sufficient documentation is one (1) machine dated cash register receipt or a machine dated cash register validation showing the date on the food instrument. A properly completed WIC Vendor Corrections Form can only be used when a vendor does not have a cash register. Revalidation is unlimited with sufficient documentation. The Local Agency must place a revalidation stamp on the food instrument before it can be redeposited. Revalidation for this condition is on a one time only basis per contract year without proof.



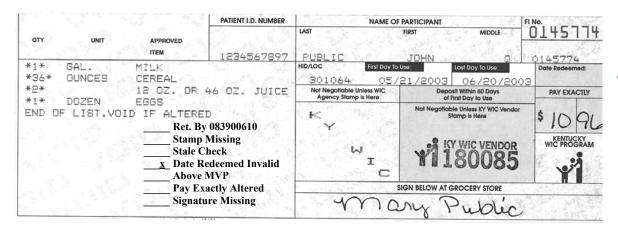


Revalidation Procedure For Date Redeemed Missing

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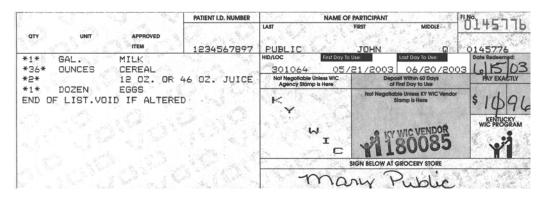
If the date is missing and the bank has rejected the food instrument, present documentation to the Local Agency to substantiate a valid date of redemption. Sufficient documentation is one (1) machine dated cash register receipt, machine dated cash register validation showing the date on the food instrument, or a deposit date. Revalidation is unlimited with sufficient documentation. The Local Agency must place a revalidation stamp on the food instrument before it can be redeposited. Revalidation for this condition is one time only per contract year without proof.





Revalidation Procedure For Pay Exactly Altered

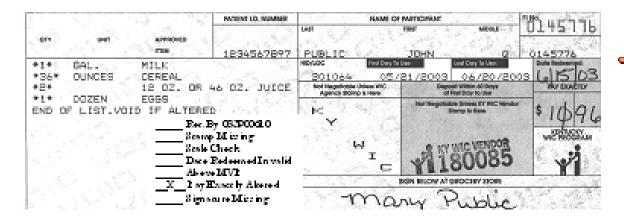
Prior to deposit in bank





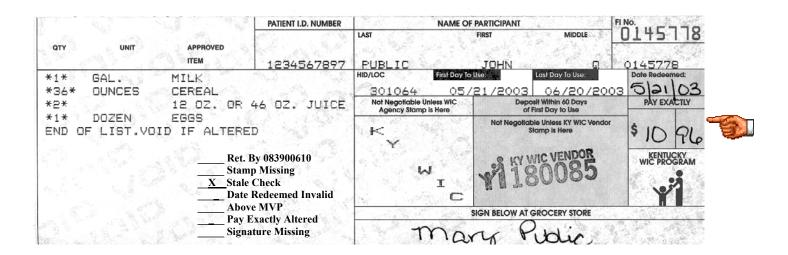
- 1. If the food instrument is missing the "pay exactly" amount and the bank has rejected the food instrument, documentation must be provided to the Local Agency to substantiate the amount of purchase. One (1) machine dated cash register validation on the food instrument or a machine dated cash register receipt is considered documentation. The Local Agency must place a revalidation stamp on the food instrument. If sufficient and proper documentation is provided, revalidation is unlimited.
- 2. If the "pay exactly" amount is altered in any manner, the amount must be proven.

 One (1) machine dated cash register receipt is considered proof. A second cash register receipt or cash register validation will be accepted only in those instances where an item was omitted from the original total. In this instance, the cash register receipt or cash register validation must be next transaction on the same cash register. A properly completed WIC Vendor Corrections Form can only be used when a vendor does not have a cash register. If sufficient and proper documentation is provided revalidation is unlimited. The Local Agency must place a revalidation stamp on the food instrument before payment can be made. The limit on revalidation without proof is on a one time only basis per contract year.





Revalidation Procedure For Stale Check



The bank rejects a food instrument submitted after sixty (60) days from "first day to use." The Local Agency will revalidate this type of food instrument if it is within ninety (90) days from the "first day to use." The following procedures apply to **stale checks**, **provided the instruments are properly completed:**

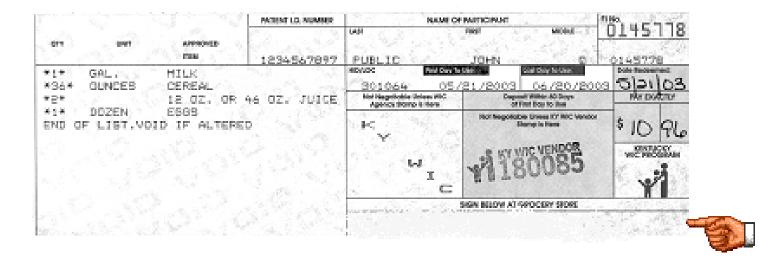
- 1. If the State Agency contracted bank has rejected the food instrument due to it reaching the bank more than sixty (60) days, but less than ninety (90) days, a revalidation stamp from the Local Agency is necessary for payment to be made.
- 2. **If the vendor has failed to submit the food instrument in sixty (60) days** but it will reach the State Agency contracted bank in less than ninety (90) days, a revalidation stamp is necessary for payment.

- 3. There is **no limit to <u>this type of</u> revalidation**, however, a food instrument should be submitted in a timely manner in order to avoid delays or denial of payment.
- 4. If the food instrument is over ninety (90) days from "first day to use," it cannot be revalidated without State Agency approval.

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Revalidation Procedure For Missing Signature

Prior to deposit in bank.



If the food instrument has been rejected by the bank for a missing signature, the food instrument must have a revalidation stamp before payment can be made. Revalidation is one time only per contract year.

